



CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

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Row Crop Planting Has Begun

Data tables reflect the week ending: **April 11, 2010.**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	48	29	39	49
Corn Emerged	8	N/A	21	24
Cotton Planted	1	0	0	2
Winter Wheat Headed	1	N/A	N/A	N/A

N/A =Not Available

CROP/LVSTK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	0	42	54	4
Winter Wheat	1	5	62	30	2
Livestock	0	1	49	42	8
Pasture & Range	0	2	50	42	6

Crop	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Hay & Roughage Supplies	10	75	15

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	5.5	0	1	95	4
District 20	5.1	0	0	86	14
District 30	5.3	0	7	74	19
District 40	5.8	0	23	71	6
District 50	5.8	6	8	74	12
District 60	5.8	0	34	58	8
State: Current Week	5.6	0	12	78	10
State: Previous Week	5.8	0	5	76	19

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: The southeast corner of Alabama began to show dry conditions according to the US Drought Monitor released April 8, 2010, with only 5 to 25 percent of normal rainfall. The US Drought Monitor released April 8, 2010 portrayed the state to be 74.1 percent free from drought, compared to 100 percent 3 months ago, and 100 percent a year ago. Daytime highs for the week ranged from 81 degrees in Bay Minette to 90 degrees in Union Springs, Eufaula, and Headland. Overnight lows for the week ranged from 34 degrees in Hamilton, to 49 degrees in

Headland. Precipitation totals ranged from 0 inches in Russellville to 2.07 inches of rain in Headland over a period of 1 day.

Small Grains: Winter wheat was progressing well, however rain would be helpful to producers. Eric Schavey, Regional Extension Agent in Franklin County, stated that the spring fertilizer applications were being applied to wheat in his region. Tim Malone, County Executive Director for Lauderdale County added winter wheat was looking good, but rain will be necessary for continued progression. Leonard Kuykendall, Regional Extension Agent in Autauga County, mentioned wheat was behind the average maturity in his area.

Corn/ Cotton/Soybeans/Peanuts: Mr. Malone also stated that with abundant sunshine expected this week, they should see some cotton planting. Corn planting will be going on throughout the county with some farmers completing the process this week. Mr. Kuykendall noted pre-plant burn down and tillage continued for cotton, soybean, and peanut plantings. Corn planting was finished with stands emerging and post planting herbicide applications being applied. James Jones, County Extension Coordinator for Henry County, mentioned his area received much needed rainfall last week. Corn planting was almost complete.

Fruits & Vegetables: Bobby Boozer, Research Horticulturist at the Chilton County Research & Extension Center, reported plum curculio numbers doubled since last Friday. High levels of a fungal disease were being noticed on a certain variety of blueberries last week, which was causing blooming problems and numerous vegetative strikes on several operations. Fungicide applications were being applied to slow the spread of this disease.

Pasture/Livestock: Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent for Talladega County, mentioned that warm weather allowed soil temperatures to rise allowing warm season grasses to begin turning green. Winter forages were growing well and supplying adequate forage for livestock producers. Brenda Glover, Regional Extension Agent in Hale County, commented warmer temperatures helped grass in pastures begin to grow. Mr. Jones added spring tillage was proceeding quickly and pastures were being used for cattle grazing.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday, April 5, 2010 To Sunday, April 11, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	87	39	65	6	0.42	-0.63	1	12.69	-3.84	77		106	40	49	32
Russellville	86	37	63	7	0	-1.19	0	4.74	-13.34	26		98	49	45	36
Belle Mina	87	36	62	5	0.52	-0.67	2	14.57	-3.43	81	63	99	39	45	31
Huntsville Ag	88	40	66	7	0.37	-0.83	2	13.98	-4.62	75		113	48	53	37
Hamilton	89	34	62	6	0.73	-0.57	2	15.2	-3.71	80		96	44	42	32
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	88	40	64	5	1.29	-0.01	2	15.32	-3.24	83		101	28	39	20
Cullman Ag	84	36	62	4	0.64	-0.66	2	17.39	-2.11	89	62	89	28	37	23
Sand Mountain	85	38	62	6	1.43	0.18	2	14.47	-4.12	78		93	41	38	29
Gadsden AP	86	37	62	4	1.45	0.08	2	12.78	-6.26	67		86	25	34	20
Bridgeport	87	38	64	8	0.55	-0.69	1	15.17	-4.32	78		101	50	41	33
Guntersville	86	38	63	5	0.86	-0.37	2	16.59	-1.29	93		98	30	42	25
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	86	43	65	6	0.75	-0.58	2	17.08	-2.37	88	64	113	39	48	27
Talladega	89	36	63	5	0.93	-0.34	2	18.48	-0.67	97		96	29	38	23
Birmingham AP	88	41	66	7	1.34	0.14	2	15.34	-2.59	86		115	43	52	32
Alabaster	86	42	65	5	1.35	-0.01	2	18.24	-1.9	91		103	30	40	21
Pinson	88	36	64	6	1.27	-0.05	2	14.34	-4.65	76		98	38	43	29
Opelika Wtr Plt	86	38	62	2	0.2	-1.16	1	15.95	-3.98	80		90	21	30	14
Alexander City	88	38	63	4	0.6	-0.65	1	16.12	-3.54	82		97	24	34	16
Tuscaloosa AP	88	40	66	5	0.79	-0.54	2	13.46	-5.32	72		115	33	51	25
Jasper	87	39	63	6	0.68	-0.57	2	19	-0.35	98		105	45	44	30
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	90	43	65	4	0.54	-0.55	2	13.49	-4.79	74		115	32	48	23
Marion Junction	85	43	65	4	0.46	-0.84	2	15.83	-2.91	84	71	109	29	42	20
Montgomery AP	88	42	66	4	0.54	-0.58	1	15.63	-2.6	86		112	22	45	16
Livingston	85	41	64	3	0.81	-0.54	2	19.56	0.48	103		101	20	38	14
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	81	47	66	-1	0.55	-0.54	1	23.25	3.76	119		116	3	46	0
Brewton AG	86	43	65	2	0.8	-0.24	1	19.63	-0.43	98	75	109	13	39	4
Thomasville	86	42	66	4	1.06	-0.07	3	15.61	-4.08	79		120	30	52	22
Mobile Bates	83	47	67	2	0.27	-0.78	1	20.91	2.57	114		119	6	49	3
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula Wildlife	90	43	66	5	0.71	-0.3	2	20.33	2.91	117		117	33	49	23
Troy Municipal	88	39	64	2	0.69	-0.36	1	17.87	0.12	101		99	12	36	8
Highland Home	87	43	65	3	0.79	-0.33	2	17.21	-2.17	89		107	20	40	12
Geneva Ag	89	42	65	0	0.82	-0.11	1	18.93	1.33	108	76	107	5	39	0
Headland	90	49	68	5	2.07	1.07	1	17.23	-1.3	93	73	135	36	65	29
Dothan	89	47	67	4	1.97	0.88	1	17.36	-1.3	93		122	20	52	14

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.